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California Climate Action Registry Announces Recipients of its Annual Climate Action Champion Awards

Santa Barbara, California – The California Climate Action Registry announced the recipients of its third annual Climate Action Champion Awards at the Registry's conference *Navigating the New Carbon World*. The awards were presented to Austin Energy, Mary Nichols, and Fran Pavley for demonstrating exemplary leadership in addressing climate change.

Austin Energy

The California Climate Action Registry recognizes Austin Energy of Austin, Texas for its leadership on climate change issues and its success with innovative energy programs that reduce greenhouse gases. Austin Energy is the nation's 10th largest community-owned electric utility, serving 360,000 customers and a population of more than 800,000.

Austin Energy is nationally recognized for its energy efficiency programs, establishment of the nation's first Green Building Program and for the nation's #1 renewable energy program for sales since 2002, outperforming 600 utility-sponsored green power programs nationwide. Austin Energy was one of the first municipal utilities outside of California to join the Registry and has certified its 2005 emissions under the program.

The City of Austin also recently announced an innovative citywide plan that sets the most aggressive utility GHG reduction plan in the nation through dramatic increases in conservation, efficiency and renewable programs; requirements for carbon neutrality on any new generation; and by establishing a cap and reduction plan for the utility's GHG emissions.

Mary Nichols

The California Climate Action Registry recognizes Mary Nichols for her continuing leadership on climate and energy conservation issues, her ongoing support of the Registry, and her role in advancing multi-disciplinary research focused on solving complex issues like climate change.

A long-time environmental lawyer and policymaker, Ms. Nichols has held numerous environmental leadership positions in local, state, and federal government. She served as Secretary for California's Resources Agency, where she set policy for 27 departments, boards, commissions and conservancies, including forestry and fire protection, water resources, fish & game, and state parks. Perhaps most important in the eyes of the Registry, as Secretary of Resources, Ms. Nichols implemented the Registry's enabling legislation, founded the California Climate Action Registry, and served as the Registry's first Chair of the Board of Directors. In her current role as Commissioner of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Ms. Nichols has spurred the department to increase its renewable energy sources to 20% of the City's power mix by 2010 – seven years ahead of the renewable portfolio standard goal that was adopted just a few years ago.

Ms. Nichols also heads the UCLA Institute of the Environment, an institute that employs innovative cross-disciplinary approaches to address critical environmental challenges - including those related to climate change and sustainability - with the goal of achieving stable human coexistence with the natural systems on which society depends.

Fran Pavley

Fran Pavley is honored as a Climate Action Champion for leading the charge to pass two of America's first and most significant global warming laws, AB 1493 and the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). AB 1493, widely known as the Pavley Bill, requires automakers to reduce global warming emissions from new cars and trucks sold in California by 30% by 2016. Her courage in demanding cleaner technologies from some of the country's largest industries not only created a better California but resonated across states and, indeed, around the world. So far, eleven states and Canada have followed California's lead and established similar legislation.

Ms. Pavley co-authored the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires California to cut statewide global warming emissions back to 1990 levels by 2020, a reduction of about 25% off current projections. The law has received worldwide attention and helps secure California's leadership role in addressing climate change with creative solutions that are good for the environment and the economy. The measure is poised to serve as the prototype for similar initiatives in other states as well as at the federal level.

Ms. Pavley has served three terms in the California State Assembly. The former Mayor of Agoura Hills and long time public school teacher had over 70 of her bills and resolutions become law.

Staff appreciation awards were also presented by the California Climate Action Registry staff to recognize individuals whose help and dedication has been invaluable over the last year. Recipients included: Ian Carter (IETA), Kathryn Bickel, Maric Munn (UCOP), Eileen Tutt (Cal/EPA), and Doug Wickizer (CDF).

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 240 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org

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